

CALENDAR 2004

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Year in Review

Overview of Operations

The Southern Command handled 12,747 crashes throughout calendar year 2004. There were 101 fatal, 3423 injury, and 9223 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 7.2% increase in total crashes over 2003. The 101 fatal crashes resulted in 114 fatalities which is a 31.2% increase over 2003. Of the total crashes, 598 or 4.7%, involved impaired drivers. Forty seven of the 114 persons killed, or 41%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 584 total crashes involving commercial vehicles. This number reflects a 17% drop as compared to 2003. Additionally, there was a 22.2% drop in fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles. There was a 10.4% drop in overall enforcement; however, there was an 18.9% increase in DUI arrests made prior to crash as well as a 19.1% increase in DUI arrests from crashes. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 2,390 drivers for DUI as compared to 2,009 in 2003, a 19% increase. Commercial personnel recorded increases in several areas, 7% in hazardous moving violations, 6.8% increase in total safety inspections, 27.3% in total vehicles placed out of service, and 48% in total vehicles weighed. Administrative Services saw increases in most areas throughout the year. Interdiction and Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) seized nearly 1.4 million in U.S. currency in 2004.

Critical Issues

The Southern Command continued to operate with a substantial number of vacancies throughout calendar year 2004. While 26 sworn personnel came into the Command, ten of which were untrained cadets, there were 27 resignations. The Command averaged over 25% Trooper vacancies throughout 2004. During 2004 the Command transitioned from the 150Mhz system to the NSRS-NDOT 800Mhz system. There were several major failures of the 800Mhz system that had to be worked through by Commanders as well as field personnel. In August, the Command was tasked with a Homeland Security initiative that required a major redirection of Commercial and I.C.E. operations personnel for the remainder of the year. The senior Command staff has worked intensely on the issues surrounding the construction of the new NHP/FAST facility which was scheduled for completion by mid December. The completion did not occur by the end of 2004. The Command also participated in the first, long overdue, Southern Nevada DPS basic cadet academy.

Major Operations

The Southern Command was tasked with and completed an unusually high number of major operations. Many of these operations could not have been completed successfully without multi-agency and interdivisional assistance and cooperation. In 2004 there were a total of nine Presidential/Vice Presidential/Senator Kerry visits during the Presidential campaign process. These visits required a major commitment in operational planning and manpower. Additional major operations included the Mt. Charleston Robbers fire, Laughlin River Run, NASCAR, USAF Aviation Nation, Commercial Interdiction Initiative, and New Years Eve.

On behalf of the entire Southern Command Staff I thank and commend the Southern Command employees, both sworn and civilian for their efforts, dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

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SOUTHERN COMMAND

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

CALENDAR YEAR	^2004		^2003	% Change		^2002	% Change
Total crashes	12747		11887	7.2%		10615	20.1%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9223		8308	11.0%		7502	22.9%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3423		3502	-2.3%		3035	12.8%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	101		77	31.2%		78	29.5%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	598		502	19.1%		480	24.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	114		87	31.0%		95	20.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	32		24	33.3%		43	-25.6%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	15		16	-6.3%		14	7.1%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	30		24	25.0%		12	150.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	9		7	28.6%		13	-30.8%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	28		15	86.7%		8	250.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	584		704	-17.0%		694	-15.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	440		554	-20.6%		483	-8.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	137		141	-2.8%		199	-31.2%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		9	-22.2%		12	-41.7%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.8%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.7%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 54.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.6%
- ✱ Total crashes up 7.2% compared to last year and up 20% compared to 2002.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 17% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes dropped 2.3% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	2004		2003	% Change		2002	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	598		502	19.1%		480	24.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	1792		1507	18.9%		1374	30.4%
Other arrests	9597		9969	-3.7%		9503	1.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	4394		4081	7.7%		3919	12.1%
Speed violations	30235		37997	-20.4%		37437	-19.2%
Hazardous moving violations	22634		24531	-7.7%		23549	-3.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	6369		7762	-17.9%		5999	6.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	105405		117678	-10.4%		109399	-3.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	656		613	7.0%		197	233.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	1822		2610	-30.2%		1829	-0.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	7789		7293	6.8%		5425	43.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	24		n/a	#VALUE!		n/a	#VALUE!
Total safety violations -- citation	2789		3825	-27.1%		3322	-16.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	18864		29267	-35.5%		29242	-35.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	1967		1545	27.3%		1302	51.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	860		914	-5.9%		545	57.8%
Total school buses inspected	2523		2479	1.8%		2483	1.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	295		383	-23.0%		185	59.5%
Total trucks weighed	4983		3356	48.5%		6898	-27.8%
Total overweight citations	380		439	-13.4%		376	1.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	7156		7265	-1.5%		1463	389.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	4		11	-63.6%		12	-66.7%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]**	2004	
Level 2/3 Inspections	242	
Safety Violations Citation	63	
Safety Violations Repair Order	159	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	14	
Dyed Fuel Inspections	4	
Dyed Fuel Citations	1	

** New Program this year

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years
- ✱ 7% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is down 10% from last year and down 3.7% from 2002.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 7% from 2003.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 6.8% from last year and 43.6% from 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2004		2003	% Change		2002	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	1847812*		1841691	0.3%		1747073	5.8%
CAD Incidents	254663		253543	0.4%		236293	7.8%
Telephone Calls	430206		428292	0.4%		405117	6.2%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	1554		N/A	#VALUE!		N/A	#VALUE!
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	12864		12159	5.8%		11188	15.0%
Arrest Reports Processed	5457		4322	26.3%		4222	29.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	406		479	-15.2%		630	-35.6%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1831		1754	4.4%		1761	4.0%
Visitors at Counter	9704		9807	-1.1%		8250	17.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	77557		62466	24.2%		50723	52.9%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	4925		4330	13.7%		7896	-37.6%
Warrants Entered	4255		5297	-19.7%		3808	11.7%
Warrants Cleared	20515		2780	637.9%		3721	451.3%
Warrants Validated	27752		44017	-37.0%		31884	-13.0%
Extradition / Transports	165		160	3.1%		224	-26.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	1390		1381	0.7%		1453	-4.3%
New Items Submitted	2465		2453	0.5%		2773	-11.1%
Items Disposed	2027		1632	24.2%		1327	52.8%

**Radio TX estimated for November, December due to the 800 transition.

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- 129 Contracts requiring 5084.8 work hours, billing \$356,142.21

EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 94.2% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 4.0% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 1.1% of case submissions.
- Fire Marshall responsible for .4% of case submissions.
- Capitol Police responsible for .10% of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 25 Enforcement missions, 1056 violations, 11.77 violations per hour
- 41 Prisoner Transports
- Engine Overhaul
- 228.1 Total hours of Operation

COMMENDATIONS

- 108 from the public to sworn
- 398 from the command to sworn
- 9 from the public to civilians
- 27 from Allied Agencies
- 53 from command to civilian
- 1 from Division or Department
- 16 from other Public organizations

Interdiction & Criminal Enforcement

ICE Team Annual recap	2004	2003
U.S. Currency Seized	\$1,378,664.05	\$183,446.00
Cocaine	46.30 LBS	45.64LBS
Methamphetamines	61.49 LBS	20.75LBS
Marijuana	1914.16 LBS	2718.79LBS
Felony Drug Arrests	106	121
Other Arrests	87	88

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	Website E-Mail Traffic	Events
106	490	2,441	72

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

[Colin Powell](#)